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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SALT RIVER PROJECT
AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND
POWER DISTRICT, IN CONFORMANCE
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 40-360 et
seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE
COOLIDGE GENERATING STATION, ALL
WITHIN THE CITY OF COOLIDGE, PINAL
COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000B-21-0393-00197

**ANNUAL REPORT 2023
RANDOLPH INTERVENORS**

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1. In relation to Arizona Corporation Commission, Decision Number 78545, dated

April 28, 2022, applicant SRP agreed to do the following:

- a. Establish a community working group (CWG) with a facilitator;
- b. Implement a landscaping plan to visually screen the project and mitigate noise as well as provide landscaping in Randolph public areas;
- c. Reduce impacts of plant lighting;
- d. Provide a grant writer to seek federal and state support to address community needs;
- e. Implement job training and skills development for Randolph residents;
- f. Pave roads for dust abatement;
- g. Establish an annual scholarship program;
- h. Support efforts to establish Arizona and National Historic Designations;

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- 1 i. In consultation with the CWG, the Applicant will facilitate discussions with Pinal
2 County, the City of Coolidge, and other appropriate authorities regarding infrastructure
3 improvements for the Randolph community.

4 **2. The progress on the goals are as follows:**

5 a. Establish a community working group (CWG) with a facilitator:

6 The first working group met in March 2022. Meetings followed every month up to March
7 2023 with an August 2022 break. Minutes are inexplicably not available for the January,
8 February, and March meetings in 2023. The April meeting was cancelled but meetings should
9 resume on May 12, 2023. The facilitator was hired and began in July 2023.

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11 b. Implement a landscaping plan to visually screen the project and mitigate noise as well as
12 provide landscaping in Randolph public areas:

13 SRP stated months ago that they completed proposals for design and have two bids. The
14 Architect was to do walk through in April 2023 but that did not occur. No work has started.

15 c. Reduce impacts of plant lighting:

16 Completed in February 2022.

17 d. Provide a grant writer to seek federal and state support to address community needs:

18 Kim Joyce and Associates was retained and did a walking tour and community meeting in
19 December 2022. She was scheduled for March 2023, but her presentation had to be postponed. A
20 major deadline for grants for Black communities has passed.

21 e. Implement job training and skills development for Randolph residents:

22 The Adult Job Training application granted its first and only tuition recipient, Brandon
23 Jordan and has spent \$24,350 for 2023.

24 f. Pave roads for dust abatement:

25 A Design Concept Report (DCR) by Intellus has been completed but no paving has begun.
Pinal County must do some preparatory work in connection with an infrastructure grant Pinal

1 County received and will be responsible for part of the cost of the paving. The start date has been
2 moved from March to April and now to May to the frustration of the community.

3 g. Establish an annual scholarship program:

4 Two students were awarded scholarships in 2022 and one student has been awarded
5 beginning in the fall of 2023. \$51,000 has been spent for this calendar year/2 semesters.

6 h. Support efforts to establish Arizona and National Historic Designations:

7 WestLand Resources sent the historical designation application to the state on October 11,
8 2022. A public hearing was held on the application on March 3, 2023. The board voted 5-0 to
9 approve the application. However, the state historian also wanted additional work on the verbal
10 history of Randolph and is working with the ASU archival research division to set up an archive
11 workshop in Randolph on June 17, 2023 and is working with WestLand Resources to include
12 verbal histories from aging residents and revise the submission to a traditional/cultural
13 community designation.
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15 i. In consultation with the CWG, SRP shall facilitate discussions with Pinal County, the
16 City of Coolidge, and other appropriate authorities regarding infrastructure improvements
17 for the Randolph community.

18 The county applied for Colonial Designation to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors on
19 December 2nd for review. It was approved January 2023. Coolidge has not participated in the
20 working group in any sustained fashion.

21 CONCLUSION

22 The community is frustrated that the working group meetings discuss the same thing
23 month after month, yet few practical accomplishments are seen to improve the lives of residents.
24 The county district lines have changed, and the community has a different supervisor. His staff
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1 has been very responsive, but that person has now left the employ of Pinal County. The case is
2 currently on appeal to the Arizona Court of Appeals with applicant's brief due on May 16, 2023.

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4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 24th day of April 2023.

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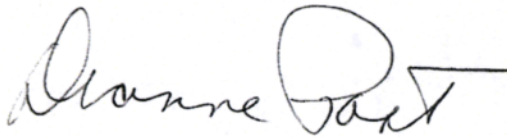
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